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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Baranda, et al.
Serial No.: 10/010,937
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Group Art Unit: 3682
Examiner: Charles, Marcus
For: ELEVATOR BELT ASSEMBLY WITH NOISE
AND VIBRATION REDUCING GROOVELESS
JACKET ARRANGEMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowed and allowable subject matter. As discussed below, Applicant believes that all claims are allowable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections based upon WO 01-14630. There is nothing within that document or a combination based upon it that teaches or suggests what is recited in the rejected claims. There is nothing within that document that talks about maintaining individual tensions on individual cords as claimed.

For example, claim 1 recites, "maintaining a selected tension on each of the cords *on an individual cord basis* while applying the jacket." There is nothing in WO document that even suggests that approach. Conventional wisdom at the time of